

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA**

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JOSEPH A. ANTKOWIAK, on behalf of  
himself and all others similarly situated,

Plaintiffs,

vs.

TAXMASTERS,  
TAXMASTERS, INC.  
TMIRS ENTERPRISES, LTD.,  
TMGP SERVICES, LLC,  
TMGP SERVICES, LLC D/B/A  
TAXMASTERS,  
PATRICK R. COX and  
JEFFREY AARON STEINBERG,

Defendants.

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CIVIL ACTION  
NO. 2010-cv-3331 (LFS)

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**DEFENDANTS' MOTION FOR STAY PENDING APPEAL**

Defendants TaxMasters, TaxMasters, Inc., TMIRS Enterprises, Ltd., TM GP Services, LLC, Patrick R. Cox, and Jeffrey A. Steinberg (collectively "Defendants"), by and through their undersigned counsel, respectfully request that the instant case be stayed pending the completion of Defendants' appeal pursuant to Section 16 of the Federal Arbitration Act, of this Court's March 17, 2011 Opinion and Order [Dkt. Nos. 39 and 40], denying Defendants' Motion to

Compel Arbitration. The grounds for this motion are set forth in the accompanying memorandum of law, which is incorporated by reference.

Date: April 4, 2011

Respectfully Submitted,  
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